1	2	3	4
Tamil Nadu	131	167	134
Gujarat	46	202	172
Han/ana	136	176	162
Maharashtra	166	169	149
Punjab	280	177	178
West Bengal	303	218	194
Others	-	276	235

*Includes Others

Dependence on edible oil import

†*524. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawntowards the White Paper related to oilseeds sector released by the Solvent Extract on Association of India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the increasing dependence of the country on import for supply of edible oils can cause further crisis; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Dependence on import of edible oils has declined from 42.56% in 2003-04 to 34.02% in 2005-06 of the total edible oil consumption in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.